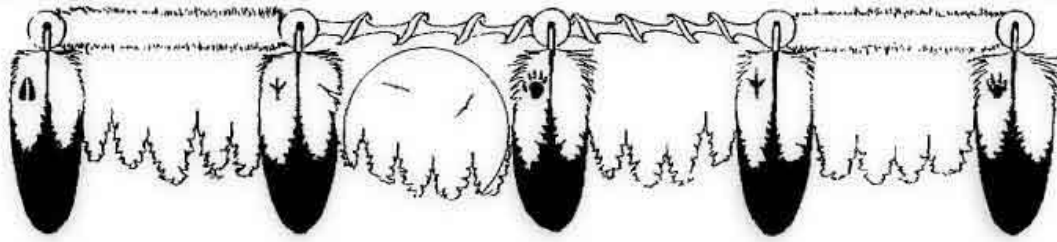


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Annual General Council somewhat subdued in comparison to past meetings

By Llona Tucker
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On Saturday, January 20, 2001, the Menominee Tribal Legislature and Menominee tribal members gathered in the Casino's conference rooms for the annual general council meeting.

Legislatures present at the meeting were Gene Caldwell, Sylvia Wilber, James Wayka, Lew Boyd,

Margaret Snow and Lisa Waukan. Excused for the meeting were Tribal Chairman Apesanahkwat, Wilmer Peters and Barbara Frechette-Kelley.

Lisa Waukan gave the State of Menominee Nation report, in the absence of the chairman. Topics discussed in the report were: the

distribution funds, minors distribution fund accounts, the Courthouse/Jail facility expansion, Grant applications, Revenues, Investment accounts, Employment on the reservation, the Y2K scare, Cultural activities, FY '99 Health Insurance being way over budget,

and the Kenosha Project.

The Kenosha Project has been a huge topic of discussion and Waukan explained the reason for the Chairman's absence was due to him

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No significant change seen with recount

By Yvonne Matson
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KESHENA, Wis. — A recount requested by legislative candidates Louis J. Dixon and Lorene A. Pocan was held last Friday (Jan. 19*) with no significant changes seen.

According to Davey Jean Peters, Election Commission Secretary, the recount was requested by the pair on January 16.

There was a slight change in numbers, however, the top three candidates — Pyawasit, Waukan and

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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: Menominee Middle School students recently returned from an adventurous outing in Eagle River, WI. The students learned a lot about snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Additional photo, full story on page 4

Photo courtesy of Michael Clark, MTS

Project manager looking to meet state requirements

Minority construction firms sought to bid on Lambeau Field renovation

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The project manager for the Lambeau Field renovation is looking for construction firms led by women and minorities to bid on the project.

About 40 contractors attended a meeting Tuesday to learn more about the project and state requirements that 15 percent of the project's firms be owned by minorities and 5 percent be owned by women.

Carla Cross of Cross Management Services, which is monitoring the Green Bay Packers' progress on meeting the goals, said the requirements shouldn't be diffi-

cult to achieve.

"Even in the Green Bay area and the surrounding areas there are quite a few minority firms because of the Native American community up here," Cross said.

The Miller Park project, which resulted in a new stadium for the Milwaukee Brewers, had to meet similar requirements. Cross said many of the firms that worked on the project have expressed interest in the Lambeau Field renovation.

The Packers and Hammes Co., the project manager, have scheduled meetings in Madison and Milwaukee to attract interest.

Mary Goulding said there might not be enough minority- and

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being in Washington, where he hoped to get the proposal signed at the President of the United States Inauguration.

Waukau mentioned some of the problems experienced with the deal, which had been taken care of, as well as the concerns with the environmental issues in Kenosha.

"As of yesterday," stated Waukau, "the Central BIA Office in DC are still looking at the application." The application deadline was also extended from its original date of December 31, 2000 to June 30, 2001, which passed with substantial minority according to Waukau.

With Governor Thompson leaving the state to work under the new President in Washington, Chairman Apesanahkwat is working to get the Kenosha Project signed before Thompson leaves office.

Waukau also brought up the point about the Potawatomi Tribe seeking a Temporary Restraining Order, which they have recently decided not to go for by recommendations of their lawyer.

After a few questions from members about wages and proposed opening of the casino, Wanda Guzman, a member of the tribe, made a motion to lower the wages of the Chairman as well as those that she felt were making too much money and not doing their job.

This stirred up a lot of different emotions and comments throughout the room, there was confusion in what Guzman really wanted, so the motion was defeated.

A new motion was made by Rory Griffin, to lower the salary of the Chairman to \$70,000. This motion was then passed, 62 in favor, 7 opposed.

Ed Waubanasum, then made a comment about how he was glad to hear that the jail would be expanded. Waubanasum stated he recently retired from the Menominee Tribal Jail, because conditions there were harsh and inmates were being treated unfairly due to the poor conditions of the jail and lack of room. "I agree, conditions at the jail are mid-evil," concluded Waukau.

A small group of tribal members then questioned Waukau about Argosy, a group that will be working with the casino, in regard to recent publications of the mishandling of funds. Waukau assured them that the proper steps would be taken to make sure that Argosy is doing the job they would be paid for.

Financial reports were then given by Kathy Kaquatosh, as well as James Reiter's report on the Casino, Lynette Miller for the Gaming Commission, Tony Wagner of the Auto Service Center,

Linda Beversdorf from the Tribal Supermarket and Wendell Askenette for the Wolf River Development Corporation.

Handouts, pamphlets and other information were given out to tribal members as they signed in at the beginning of the meeting. A lunch was also provided for attendants as well as Tribal Departmental information booths in the hallway outside of the conference room.

A fundraiser and raffle booth was also set up, for the Princess to Princess Powwow in February, by Jennifer Tucker, Menominee Princess 2000, and her family.

Thirty days from the General Council Meeting the Legislature will review all recommendations made during the advisory meeting, which gives the legislature ample time to act on all motions.

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women-owned contractors. Goulding, a member of the Green Bay-Brown County Professional Football Stadium District Board and former president of the Greater Green Bay Labor Council, said she didn't know of a single contractor owned mostly by women.

Chris Swan, president and chief executive officer of Swan Corp. said his firm probably will bid on some parts of the project.

His company, based in Illinois, recently opened an office in Green Bay.

"I'm interested in the process," Swan said. "I'll be very much anticipating and looking at the fairness of the process."

At least 3 percent of contract costs already were bid out, and the rest will be completed within a year, said Steve Zadra, project director for Hammes Co.

Brown County voters approved a half-percent sales tax in September to help fund the three-year project, which will boost seating capacity in the 43-year-old stadium to about 72,000, modernize it with more bathrooms and other amenities and add a five-story mall-like atrium for businesses.

The sales tax revenue will finance the public's \$160 million share of the renovation. Consumers began paying the new tax Nov. 1.

On the Net:

Green Bay Packers: <http://www.packers.com/>

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RECOUNT:

Skubitz have been certified as the top three who will be seated on the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

The recount results are as follows: Myron L. Pyawasit with 783 votes, Lisa S. Waukau, 726 (gain of 4 votes for both) and Sarah Skubitz with 721 votes. Mrs. Skubitz obtained 17 additional votes.

The results of the remaining candidates were: Lorene A. Pocan, 713 (an increase of 14 votes); Louis J. Dixon, 616 (gain of 7); and Adrian 'Dusty' Miller, 501 (5 additional votes).

Write-in candidate Barbara Frechette-Kelly took a loss of 32 votes with 398 as a final tally. The arrow was not connected on the ballot with some of the votes cast for Frechette said Peters.

In a breakdown of votes cast during the election, Mr. Pyawasit came out on top in Neopit and Keshena with 142 and 323 respectively. Mrs. Sarah Skubitz took the lead with absentee voters.

The Swearing-in will be held on Friday, February 9, 2001.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Ada Deer/Black Hawk Room of the Menominee Nation Casino Complex.

The Honorable Chief Justice Joseph H. Martin will preside.